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MEETING Foggy Bottom Association Monday, April 26

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

District Councilmembers
John Wilson
and
John Ray
Guest Speakers
8:00 p.m.

All are welcome

Foggy Bottom Bus Ban

Maria Tyler

As most of you know, the public hearing on DOT Order 80-174 which provides for a ban on buses on specified streets in Foggy Bottom has become protracted. It began on February 10, 1982 and continued on February 12, 23, and 24, and on April 13 and 20. Two further meetings are scheduled for May. We know how important this case is for all of us residents and taxpayers of the affected community who have cemented our existence here over many years. We are now fighting to have our basic rights for health and safety preserved and our neighborhood thus spared from destruction by ruthless speculators.

Many of you have already contributed toward legal fees which have become a

necessary evil since we have been saddled with this problem. A list of some 110 contributors was published in the March edition of the Foggy Bottom News. The ANC and FBA would like to thank the following additional neighbors for their contributions: **Ruth Beakley, Alfred Brown, Sylvia Brown, John W. Bobbit Michael Checkan, F. Taney Heil, Peter Paul Jodoin, Thadeus A. Lindner, Mary Jean Lindner, John V. McCarthy, Martha Ann Mangin, D. B. Mills, and Geoffrey Tyler.**

Additional contributions were made by the following neighbors who had contributed previously: **Benita Belden, Virginia Bell, Patricia Chabrier, Paul Chabrier and Rixey Taylor.**

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ANC Meeting
Tuesday, May 4
7:30 p.m.
Red Cross Building
2025 E St. N.W.

Candidates Wilson and Ray to Address FBA Meeting

Kathy Haley

District Council members John Wilson and John Ray will address the next meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, on Monday, April 24, at 7:30.

Ray is a candidate in this September's Democratic Mayoral primary, as was Wilson, until April 19, when he announced he was withdrawing from the race for lack of funds.

Wilson, who represents Ward 2 on the District Council, is a native of Maryland's Eastern Shore. He became involved in District politics in the late 1960's and in 1972 was selected as vice chairman of the D.C. Democratic State Committee.

In 1975, Wilson won a two-year term on the District's first home rule council. He was reelected to four-year terms in 1974 and 1980.

Wilson chairs the council's



Wilson



Ray

committee on finance and revenue and serves on two other committees, Housing and Economic Development, and Human Services.

A resident of the Dupont Circle area for nearly 15 years, Wilson is married to the former Bonnie Biro.

As Ward 2 councilmember, Wilson has been highly responsive to residents of Foggy Bottom. He was instrumental in negotiations with George Washington University last year that led to a 10-year moratorium on the

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No-Fault — An Option For D.C.

Kathy Haley

D.C. motorists could be getting much more protection from their auto insurance, according to Archie G. Richardson Jr., a consumer advocate who appeared at the last meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, on March 29. If consumers don't act soon, said Richardson however, they could end up paying more for what little protection they now have.

Richardson, who is president of the Automobile Owners Action Council, said a D.C. law requiring no-fault insurance for every licensed driver would result in more compensation to auto accident victims and fewer increases in premiums. However, the District Council, under pressure from trial lawyers, is about to reject a no-fault system in favor of one that could result in higher premiums as well as higher taxes, according to Richardson.

Present D.C. insurance laws do not work, said Richardson, in part because they do not require all licensed drivers to

purchase coverage. Between 40% and 60% of all D.C. drivers are uninsured. This means that insured motorists must pay higher-than-usual rates to protect themselves from uninsured motorists. One in every 2.5 accidents in the District involves an uninsured motorist, said Richardson.

Under present D.C. motor vehicle insurance laws, a driver who has an accident must demonstrate that he is covered by liability and property damage insurance that would cover up to \$10,000 for the personal injury or death of one person or up to \$20,000 for the injury or death of two people. The insurance must also cover up to \$5,000 for property damage. If a motorist involved in an accident is not so insured or cannot compensate his victims up to those amounts, his license and vehicle registration can be suspended or revoked.

Liability insurance — the kind we buy unless our jurisdiction requires a no-fault system — requires an accident

victim to prove the other driver was at fault before he can collect *any* compensation for injury, death or property damage. A victim must hire a

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Foggy Bottomites' Art Library Show

Works by Frances Carter, Adele Haddad and George Young are featured in the exhibition, "Glimpses of Reality," on view at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G Street, N.W. through April 27, 1982 in Gallery A-6. This exhibition is sponsored by the Library for the Arts of the District of Columbia Public Library.

Frances C. Carter, a native Washingtonian, is a licensed practical nurse and cosmetologist. Now retired from government service, Mrs. Carter has developed an interest in drawing late in life. She finds great inspiration and relaxation in drawing and states that this art almost transports her into another realm, from which she emerges only when the interruptions of daily life force her to return to reality.

Adele Haddad attended the

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, and the Corcoran School of Art. She received her B.A. degree from George Washington University. In her junior year, she studied abroad at Grenoble University in France and painted extensively during her stay there. Recently George Washington University exhibited some of her work in the Gelman Library. Her paintings have been shown in banks, libraries, hospitals, churches, recreation centers and at the Cafritz Memorial Hospital. She has won numerous prizes for her work. For twelve years, Ms. Haddad worked for the D.C. Department of Recreation teaching art to senior citizens.

George Young has lived in Washington, D.C. since 1945. Until 1974 when he retired, he worked as a professional cook

in many of the city's best known hotels. After moving to St. Mary's Court, a retirement apartment for senior citizens (where Adele Haddad also resides), he began to participate in various activities, one of them a painting class. Although he had not had any previous experience in drawing and painting, he took to it immediately, and with considerable success. For the past two and a half years, he has painted numerous works, some of which have been on display at the District Building and in a special gallery for the aging in the White House.

All Library activities are open to the public free of charge. There is free parking in the Library's underground garage, and the Metro Center and Gallery Place subway stations are less than a block from the Library's entrance.

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

I have just read a copy of *The Hidden Years of Stonewall Jackson* by Holmes Alexander, which was mentioned in the "Ear" column of the Washington Post. I found it particularly fascinating because in the Addendum it is stated that General Jackson was the father of an illegitimate child. I know this to be true. The child was my uncle, Stonewall Jackson Faver.

My Uncle's father sent him money from time to time. He started to go to South America and start a ranch but decided against it. He heard that the territory of Oklahoma was opening up and so he entered the land rush. It was a rough undertaking but he was fearless in protecting his staked out land until it was recorded. He built a cabin on it. His ranch, at Fallis, Oklahoma, consisted of over a thousand acres and he named it "East View Stock

Farm" and hired a group of strong cowboys. Many of the people on small farms worked for him also. He would alternate years in shipping cattle to Kansas City and then to Chicago.

He was a born leader and was urged to enter politics. He loved it. He was made County Commissioner and his name is on the cornerstone of the Court House in Guthrie, the old capitol. They later moved the capitol to Oklahoma City. His name is on several bridges and the people named the Guthrie high school "Faver High School" after him. He was running for Congress when he became ill at a political outdoor dinner rally and subsequently died.

He could vividly describe the Civil War battles and strategies in detail for hours and with a stick draw the movements of the armies on the ground and the battles

became alive just as if he had been in the midst of them.

In the lines of Leigh W. Reid quoted in the book, "With his wild glance and keen but quiet eye," the description fits Uncle exactly. His dark eyes were sharp, piercing, wild, and penetrating. His mother was a mulatto and he was often mistaken for an Indian with high cheek bones and straight black hair. When General Jackson died, his family wrote him and offered him money but this was refused. He was greatly admired and respected. Mr. Alexander was correct when he mentioned an illegitimate child.

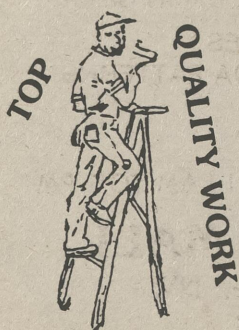
Yours truly,

Dorothy A. Harris

My single name was Dorothy Faver Williston

Editor's Note: The writer also notes that Holmes Alexander is a resident of 25th St. in Foggy Bottom.

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ANC NEWS

Excerpts from the April 6 meeting of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2A)

The ANC office is located at 1920 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006. Phone number is 659-0011. Meetings are regularly held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. The elected members of the Commission for 1982-83 are Jon Nowick, Lou Rigdon, Maria Tyler, Geoffrey Stamm, Steve Levy, Jimmy Molinelli and Ed Terry. Rick Churchill is the administrative assistant.

Bus Ban Funding: The ANC voted additional funding for legal expenses in defending the bus ban around 25th, 26th and I Streets. The new action consists of an outright grant plus a matching fund system, by which the ANC will contribute \$1 for every \$2 raised from citizens' contributions. The matching funds will apply to those private donations made thus far, as well as to monies raised through the upcoming FBA fundraiser. The Commission expressed appreciation for past contributions but noted that legal expenses still are likely to mount.

Gallinger Playground: The DC Dept. of Recreation is soliciting citizens' opinions over uses for the Gallinger Playground on the 2100-block of F Street. Residents with ideas to improve or rehabilitate the playground should get in touch with Commissioner Molinelli.

Kennedy Center Expansion: The ANC discussed reports on plans by the Kennedy Center to build an annex including about 600 parking spaces. Concerns were raised about the potential impact of the expansion on the neighborhood's traffic and parking situation. The Commission agreed to send a letter to the DC Dept. of Transportation asking it to study the proposal.

Nowick to Resign: Commissioner Nowick announced his resignation from the ANC effective May 15 because of a pending overseas job assignment. Nowick has been commissioner since 1979 and will be away about two years. Any persons interested in replacing him should contact the ANC office or DC Board of Elections and Ethics for more information. The boundaries of Nowick's district are K St. on the south, N St. on the north, Rock Creek on the west and 22nd St. on the east.

Rent Rollbacks: The Rental Accommodations Office rolled back rents in Sherry and Michelle Towers to the Nov. 1979 levels and ordered the owners to pay interest and treble damages to the affected tenants. The management has also been obligated to re-register Sherry Towers as a rental accommodations. In another action, the RAO rolled back a rent increase for residents of 1121-24th Street.

22nd St. Parking: More on-street evening parking will soon be available for residents living near 22nd and L Streets. The DC Dept. of Transportation has agreed to allow residential parking, except for PM rush hours and possibly some other times, on the 1000- and 1100-blocks of 22nd Street and on portions of the 1100-block of New Hampshire Avenue. Commissioner Nowick and Carriage House resident Ralph Rosenbaum have been working on the problem.

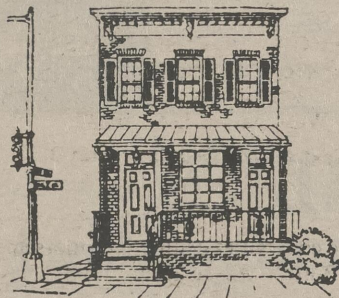
Zoning Board Rules: The ANC adopted a resolution reaffirming its opposition to rules changes for the Board of Zoning Adjustment that would deprive ANC's of full party status and the right to cross-examine witnesses. The ANC resolution was submitted by Commissioner Stamm, who has been following the case and coordinating with other ANC's along with Commissioner Levy.

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Variety Show

The Newman Center at George Washington University will sponsor a variety show on Saturday, April 24, 1982 from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Stephen Martyr Church, 25th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Admission is \$2.00 per person.

Acts include vocal and instrumental music, comedy, dramatic reading and dance. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided or bring your own. Enjoy an unforgettable evening.

GWU Plans New Parking Garage

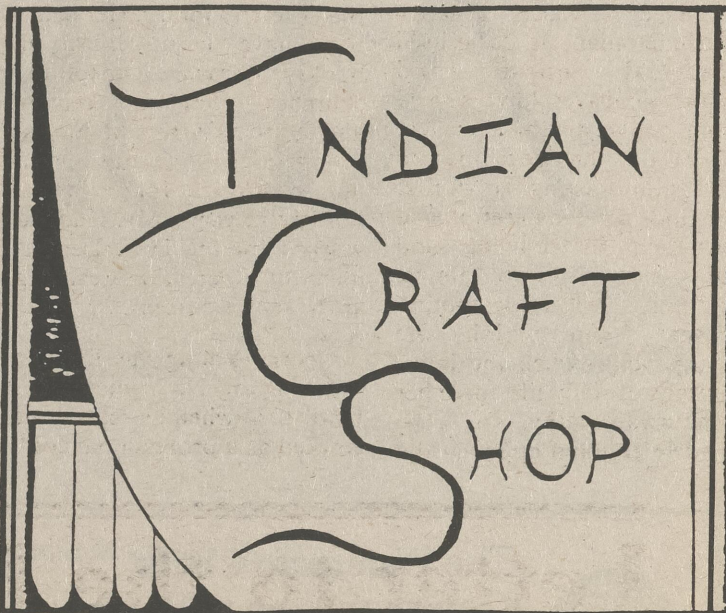
Just before press time, George Washington University announced plans to build a large truck garage and service facility in the 2000 block of F Street, N.W. We could obtain few details on the plans, but Steve Levy, chairman of the Foggy Bottom-West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission, said the he expects the proposed garage to be a major topic of discussion at the ANC's next meeting on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the Red Cross Board Room, 2025 E St., N.W. Please try to attend this meeting.

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Columbia Hospital To Build Medical Office Complex

The board of directors of Columbia Hospital for Women recently approved plans for construction of a medical office building in the 2400 block of M St., N.W. Spokesmen for the hospital appeared at the February meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association to give neighborhood residents a preview of the plans and to hear their concerns.

The new building will be constructed on nine floor levels comprising a total of 239,720 square feet. The three bottom levels will cover most of the site underground and contain primarily parking facilities (419 spaces) while the remaining six levels will be medical offices which will be sold as condominiums to interested physicians.

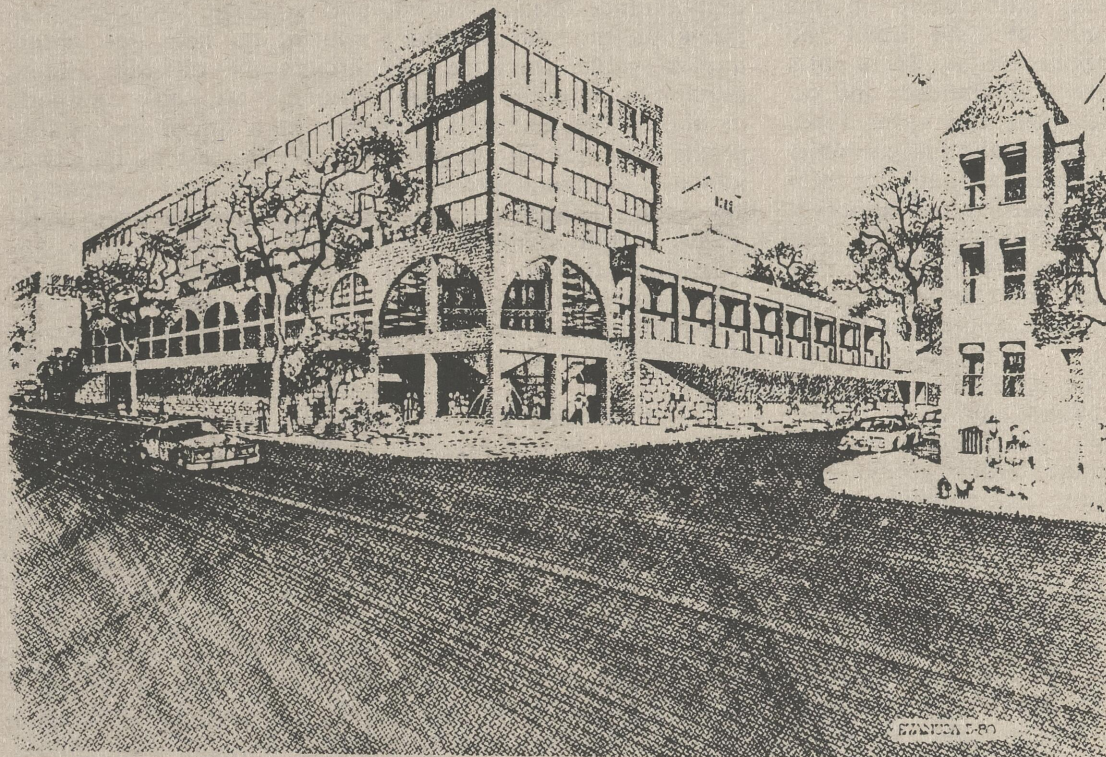
Hospital spokesman Patrick Kane said the building is needed to ease a shortage of medical office space near the hospital. As do other hospitals, Columbia receives many of its patients from doctors practicing in the neighborhood. In recent years, there has been a steady migration of doctors to the suburbs, primarily because of D.C. tax laws, said Kane. To insure future viability for the hospital, its board of directors decided two and a half years

ago to build an office complex.

The board was aware of serious encroachment being made by developers on residential land in Foggy Bottom, said Kane. Their project, located in a commercial zone, could relieve pressure on residential property, being widely converted as a matter of right into medical clinics.

The Foggy Bottom-West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission and the FBA have opposed further development of medical facilities in our neighborhood because of the loss of residential property and because at least 17% of all medical clinics in the city are concentrated here. They have not opposed Columbia Hospital's project, however, because it is zoned commercially.

The architectural firm of Smith, Segreti & Tepper designed the new building. Kane said it is meant to respond to the contrasting environments of M Street, a major, commercial thoroughfare, and 25th Street, a tree-lined street faced with Victorian townhouses. The major portion of the building will rise to 90 feet above M Street. Along 25th Street a two-story wing, with deep portico and arched windows, will mimic the



25th and M Streets, N.W.

smaller scale of townhouses.

Residents of 25th Street expressed concern at the meeting about increased traffic from the new parking facility, which will be used by hospital staff, office owners and visitors to the hospital. The lot will have two exits, one on 24th Street, where Columbia already has a

parking lot exit, and another on 25th Street. Kane said the lot will need two exits to handle the flow of traffic at the hospital's shift change. The hospital had to choose between putting the second exit on 25th Street or on M Street, said Kane. It chose 25th Street because it also must build a

maintenance ramp, where trash and delivery trucks will make regular stops. Residents of 25th Street would be likely to prefer a parking lot exit to a maintenance ramp, said Kane.

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News and Views from Queen Anne's Lane

During the month of February, my husband and I spent two weeks on Sanibel Island, Florida, a lovely spot on the Gulf of Mexico, so I have missed what has been happening on the Lane.

Nimma and Richard Mullens spent a few days in Jamaica on beautiful Montego Bay. Soon after the Mullens returned, Nimma attended a social function and drew a prize — a trip to the Caribbean!

Eileen Madden had a surprise sixtieth birthday celebration for Murdaugh at the metropolitan club. Our congratulations and best wishes.

I want to thank the residents of the Lane, Hughes Mews, and others for their continuing interest in the bus ban hearings. They resume on April 13.

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Georgetown Children's House, a day care center for children from low income families.

The Edward Burling house, which was originally two houses, features a large indoor garden room designed by Hugh Newell Jacobsen with a view of the lovely patio and pool. Jacobsen's house and garden is also part of the tour; the garden has been called "the ultimate classic urban garden."

Tickets are \$8.00 each (children under 12 are free) and may be bought at the Georgetown Children's House or at each garden gate. A limited shuttle service is available as are \$5 box lunches. Tea and coffee will be served at the House from 2 to 4:30 and is included in the price of the ticket. Hostesses will be at each garden to answer questions.

No Fault

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lawyer — who often collects between 30% and 50% of the final settlement in fees — and must sue for compensation from the other driver's insurance company. Victims who cannot prove the other driver was at fault do not collect compensation, even if they are seriously injured. Those who cannot afford to pay hospital bills must rely on city agencies, and tax revenues, to cover their costs.

A liability or fault system promotes exaggerated claims and lengthy litigation, said Richardson. Worse than that, it tends to overcompensate the victims of minor accidents and grossly undercompensate those who are seriously injured.

A three-year study concluded in 1971 by the Department of Transportation found that the fault system pays only one-sixth of accident victims' actual losses in serious auto accidents. More than half of those injured received nothing. According to the DOT study, for every dollar spent for auto insurance, victims received only 44 cents in benefits. One of the reasons for this waste is the misallocation of benefits.

According to another DOT study, where economic losses were under \$500, successful claimants, under fault systems, recovered an average of four-and-one-half times their loss. Where injuries were serious, however, the study revealed that successful claimants having losses of \$25,000 or more received an average of only one third of their loss.

It is not surprising, according to Richardson, that the trial lawyers are the most ardent supporters of fault liability insurance. A study of 220,000 lawsuits by the Federal Judicial Center for the DOT showed that in 1968, successful plaintiffs in accident cases recovered about \$700 million while lawyers received \$500 million plus and additional \$100 million in reimbursement for litigation-

related expenses.

Higher premiums, unfair compensation and lengthy, expensive litigation can be done away with under a no-fault system, said Richardson. Under such a system, an insured's own company provides protection for bodily injuries and deaths for which an uninsured or hit-and-run motorist would be liable. No-fault provides protection for the insured's entire family living in the same household if they are injured while in his car, in another car (whether driver or passenger) while a pedestrian, or as a cyclist. No-fault usually covers guests in the insured's car. In exchange for this protection, most no-fault policies place restrictions on the victim's right to sue the offending party. The restrictions, however, do not prevent litigation in cases where a certain "threshold" of damage or injury has occurred.

A no-fault system allows more of the premium dollar to be spent on compensating victims because it restricts lawsuits to a minimum of cases, according to Richardson. For litigation to occur, the damage resulting from an accident must equal a certain "threshold" defined in the law. In all other cases, a victim is compensated for damages evaluated by his insurance company.

The threshold set into law is key to a no-fault system's effectiveness, according to Richardson's AOAC. States have found that motorists can easily abuse a "dollar threshold" which sets a ceiling on the amount a victim can automatically collect under no-fault. For damages above that amount, a victim may sue for higher compensation.

A better threshold is one that defines the degree of injury to be incurred before a victim may sue, according to the AOAC.

A no-fault system guarantees that victims will be compensated if the victim has purchased insurance. It also provides compensation much sooner after the accident than does fault insurance.

If a no-fault system with an effective threshold was required by District law, insurance premiums could be reduced, according to the AOAC, because insured motorists would no longer have to pay for protection against uninsured motorists or for high litigation costs incurred repeatedly under a fault system. It could also result in lower taxes, because a smaller bureaucracy is needed to administer compulsory no-fault.

District Council Chairman Arrington Dixon has sponsored a bill to require no-fault insurance for licensed drivers in Washington. It has the support of seven council members, according to Richardson.

Councilmember Wilhelmina Rolark has also advanced a bill. Hers would not require motorists to purchase insurance, nor would it require that the insurance be no-fault. Instead, Rolark's bill would require licensed drivers who choose not to buy insurance to pay a one-time fee of \$300 to the District. Funds collected would be used to compensate victims of accidents involving uninsured motorists.

Not only would Rolark's legislation continue the fault system of insurance, said Richardson. It could also create a whole new bureaucracy to administer the uninsured motorists' fund.

Rolark is a trial lawyer with "a clear conflict of interest" in her involvement with the insurance legislation, said Richardson, who urged FBA members to contact councilmembers to urge passage of Dixon's bill. Ward 2 councilmember John Wilson, who is not a lawyer, supports Rolark's version of the bill, said Richardson, because he has many friends and supporters who are trial lawyers.

Citizens who would like to contact Wilson to urge him to support Dixon's bill may call him at 724-8058 or write to him at the District Building.

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Bed & Breakfasts Come to D.C.

by Dan Haslam

Spiraling costs of urban hotel rooms and a new spirit of adventure in the American travelling public have created the latest fad in mobile pillow-talk, the local Bed and Breakfast. The B&B is a European concept in which country farmpeople and urban mortgagors accept paying guests into their homes overnight and serve them breakfast the following morning — then wave them on to their next adventures. This friendly, innovative concept has touched down in Washington, and two B&B services have opened in D.C. within the past year.

The Bed and Breakfast League moved to D.C. last year from Princeton, New Jersey, where it was founded to operate as a national network of B&B homes. It is a membership organization, and both guest homes and travelers pay an annual fee to use the

service. It maintains a toll-free 800 number, and reservations must be made in advance. One of the selling features of the B&B League is price — traditionally the League has been able to offer host accommodations at a fraction of a comparable hotel cost. Single rooms start as low as \$18 per night, and a double room in an urban area will run only to \$42 per night.

The newer B&B service in the Washington area is Sweet Dreams and Toast, which sounds like a tuck-you-in-tell-you-a-story service. It began official operations this past January and lists forty D.C. homes and fifty homes in Annapolis within its network. Prices for SD&T depend upon the standard of living of the area in which you stay — obviously a night in Georgetown can be more costly than one spent in Arlington, but as a

rule of thumb singles in this area run \$25 - \$40 a night and doubles run \$35 - \$50, plus taxes. SD&T does not require membership fees from guests or hosts; it takes a percentage of what the host charges to cover its costs and to make a profit.

One of the goals of SD&T is to provide the travelling guest with accommodations that are "comfortable and aesthetic," according to its president Liz Cooke, who also runs a Waldorf school for small children. "Would I like to stay there?" is the first question Cooke tries to answer in inspecting a prospective host home. Cooke says her company does not want people to open up to SD&T simply to supplement their incomes, but she looks at the concept of the bed and breakfast accommodation as part of a larger national picture of people opening themselves to others. "In our generation, the onus is on us... to share... and to

make ends meet," Cooke mused, noting that the shared-home syndrome is frequently used today to help meet escalating housing costs.

Sweet Dreams and Toast and the Bed and Breakfast League continue to look for accommodations in the D.C. area and are interested in expanding into the Foggy Bottom area. Cooke emphasizes that advance planning is a characteristic of the B&B concept in the United States — the guest must plan three weeks ahead to be able to take advantage of B&B services and savings. This allows the services to match hosts with guests and to provide suitable accommodations for everyone.

Further information can be obtained from the Bed & Breakfast League, 2855 29th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 (202) 232-8718, or from Sweet Dreams & Toast, P.O. Box 4835-0035, Washington, D.C. 20008, (202) 363-4712.

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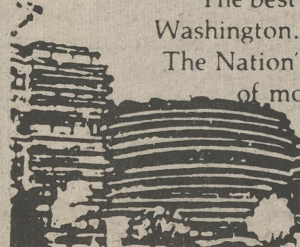
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